

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOARD OF PHARMACY

January 21, 2004

A regular meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Pharmacy was held on **January 21, 2004** at the Board office, 57 Regional Drive, Concord, New Hampshire. The meeting was **called to order at 9:36 a.m.** with President Margaret E. Hayes presiding.

I. ROLL CALL - AGENDA REVIEW - ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENT

Margaret E. Hayes, President
Kristina Genovese, Vice-President
George L. Bowersox, Treasurer
Sandra B. Keans, Secretary
Vahrij Manoukian, Member
Ronald L. Petrin, Member

ALSO PRESENT

Paul G. Boisseau,
Executive Secretary
Peter A. Grasso,
Chief Compliance Investigator

II. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

• **FLORIDAINFUSION/NATIONS DRUG**

1053 Progress Court
Palm Harbor, FL 34683

Non-compliance with request to license as a wholesaler/distributor, according to RSA 318:51-a, and doing business in the State of NH.

Board review: November 19, 2003
Request for AG's opinion pending.

• **ESURG CORPORATION**

1016 East Pike Street
Seattle, WA 98122

Non-compliance with request to license as a wholesaler/distributor, according to RSA 318:51-a, and doing business in the State of NH.

Board review: November 19, 2003
Request for AG's opinion pending.

- **FLORIDA INFUSION PHARMACY**

4190 Corporate Court
Palm Harbor, FL 34683

Non-compliance with request to license as a mail-order pharmacy, according to RSA 318:37,II(a) and doing business in the State of NH.

Board review: November 19, 2003
Request for AG's opinion pending.

III. REVIEW / ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the **December 17, 2003 special meeting** of the Board were accepted as submitted. **(Genovese/Manoukian). Voted (unanimous).**

Minutes of the **December 17, 2003 regular meeting** of the Board were accepted as submitted. **(Bowersox/Manoukian). Voted (unanimous).**

IV. LICENSING

Pharmacy

New

STOP & SHOP PHARMACY #201

7 Kilton Road
Bedford, NH 03110

Pharmacist-In-Charge: **Gary G. McAree, R.Ph.**

NH License No. R1802

Corporate Officer/Supervisor: **Joel Berman, R.Ph.**

Regional Pharmacy Manager

Application complete.

Motion (Keans/Bowersox) granting a temporary permit to Stop & Shop Pharmacy #201 located at 7 Kilton Road, Bedford, NH based upon successful completion of the primary inspection, and issuance of the original permit upon successful completion of the secondary inspection pursuant to Ph 305.02. Voted (unanimous).

V. COMPLIANCE UNIT

A. **Activity Report**

- December 2003

Motion (Manoukian/Keans) to accept the report as submitted. Voted (unanimous).

B. **Special Reports**

“Unit-Dose” vs. “Multi-Dose” Packaging

At the request of Compliance Investigator Grasso, the Board reviewed the provisions of Ph 704.07 Return of Drugs and Devices and affirmed medications dispensed in **unit-dose** packaging to institutionalized patients could be returned to the dispensing pharmacy inventory for re-dispensing. However, although medications dispensed in packaging known as “bingo cards” or “punch cards” may be returned to the dispensing pharmacy (upon discontinuation) for destruction, under no circumstance should these medications be returned to stock for re-dispensing.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. **NABP Annual Meeting**

- April 24-27, 2004
Chicago, IL

Motion (Genovese/Keans) to credential Commissioner Margaret E. Hayes as the voting delegate and Commissioner Ronald L. Petrin as the alternate delegate, and to authorize and empower them to represent the NH Board during all business sessions at the NABP Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL April 24-27, 2004. Voted (unanimous).

B. **Automated Dispensing Machines - Revisited**

Members of the Board (along with staff and practitioners **Charles J. Fanaras, R.Ph.** and **Roger A. Hebert, R.Ph.** as well as **Mr. Rob Johnson**, Government Affairs Liaison for ScriptPro®) engaged in a dialog relative to the labeling of Baker-type cells used in automated (robotic) dispensing systems. At issue is the tracking of lot numbers and expiration dates of drugs which are introduced into the cells before the cell has completely emptied resulting in the possibility of having

multiple lot numbers in any given cell. Various systems use various methodologies to track lot numbers and expiration dates.

Consensus as to whether this activity was prepackaging or repackaging or neither of the two was not achieved; nor was the question of whether cells containing two or more lot numbers (even when using bar code tracking systems and/or in-house logs) could be considered "misbranded".

The Board requested that staff consult with other state boards of pharmacy in order to explore how other states are managing this process and to report the findings at the February meeting.

Tabled.

C. USP 797 – Pharmaceutical Compounding – Sterile Preparations

Members of the Board met with practitioners **Thomas Kellermann, R.Ph.**, New England Life Care; **Joseph N. Cristini, R.Ph.**, Lifeplus, Inc.; and **Davis W. Depiero, R.Ph.**, Concord Hospital to discuss the application of USP General Chapter <797> which became official January 1, 2004.

The intended application of the procedures and requirements for compounding (sterile) preparations remains unclear.

Board staff, along with Mr. Kellermann, will seek additional information and report back to the Board.

Tabled.

VII. ADJOURNED 11:45 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra B. Keans
Secretary
FOR THE BOARD